...(*Interruptions*)... Dr Manmohan Singh was allowed to have his full say. ...(*Interruptions*)... In this very House, Dr. Manmohan Singh was allowed ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Sir, how many people were killed in Doda? ...(*Interruptions*)...

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: How many thousands were uprooted from the Kashmir Valley, tell me? ...(*Interruptions*)... What are you talking? ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: माननीय सदस्य, आप कृपया बैठ जाइए ...(व्यवधान)... इसका मतलब यह है कि आप उनको बोलने नहीं देंगे ...(व्यवधान)... सदन की कार्यवाही 12.00 बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at twenty-four minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House ressembled at tweleve of the clock MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Role of Anganwadis

*421 DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the genesis, objective and role of Anganwadis under the Integrated Child Development Scheme;

(b) the number of the funded tribal and non-tribal Anganwadis set up, so far in Rajasthan;

(c) the number of the proposals still pending for approval;

(d) by when Government are likely to take a decision;

(e) whether Government propose to regularize the service of Anganwadi workers, in due course;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether any evaluation of the performance/success/utility of Anganwadi Scheme has been done;

(h) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(i) whether UNO has also granted funds for promotion of Anganwadis; and

(j) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) At the time of formulation of Vth Five year Plan the need for delivery of a package of service in an integrated manner was realized for development of children and the Intergrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme was launched in 1975 in 33 ICDS projects with the following objectives:—

(i) to improve the nutritional and health status of children below the age of six years and pregnant and lactating mothers;

(ii) to lay the foundation for the proper psychological, physical and social development of the child;

(iii) to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school drop-outs;

(iv) to achieve effective coordination of policy and implementation among various departments to promote child development;

(v) to enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper health and nutrition education.

The scheme provides a package of services comprising supplementary nutrition, immunization, referral services, health check-up, pre-school non-formal and nutrition & health education. Anganwadi is the focal point of delivery of services under the Scheme.

The Scheme was gradually expanded to 5626 Projects till the end of Ninth Plan. In Tenth Plan no expansion was allowed. However, in view of present Government's commitment, as enunciated in the National Common Minimum Programme, the Scheme has been expanded to 466 additional projects and 1.88 lakh AWCs in 2005-06.

(b) In Rajasthan, 4136 AWCs in 28 tribal projects and 31676 AWCs in 229 non-tribal projects have been set up.

(c) and (d) Government of Rajasthan has sent a proposal for sanction of 4 Urban Projects, 1510 Anganwadi Centres and 2681 Mini-AWCs, which is under consideration.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) and (h) The performance of the ICDS Scheme has been evaluated by several agencies in the past, the latest being the one conducted by

National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) in 2005-06. The preliminary findings of the appraisal conducted by NIPCCD, are as under:—

- The percentage of severely malnourished children in the age group 0-3 years reduced from 7% in 1992 to 1% in 2006 and in case of children in the age group 3—5 years it reduced from 4% in 1992 to 0.8% in 2006.
- The percentage of children with low birth weight decreased from 41 in 1992 to 29 in 2006.
- The number of children in the age group 6 months-3 years registered for supplementary nutrition has increased from 45% to 57% between 1992—2006 of which 78% of the children are actually availing of supplementary nutrition;
- In the case of children in the age group of 3—6 years, number of children registered increased from 56% to 63.5% out of which 75% are actually availing of supplementry nutrition. As regards pregnant and lactating mothers, the increase in the number of those registered and availing of such facilities increased from 78% to 87% and from 78% to 89% respectively between 1992—2006.

(i) and (j) UNICEF has been extending support for ICDS in terms of supplies of equipments such as weighing scales, photocopying machines, typewriters, growth charts, IFA tablets and technical support. As per Master Plan of Operation (2003—2007) UNISEF's financial support is of the order of US $ 56 Million. Also United Nations under World Food Programme (WFP) has been providing supplementary nutrition in some ICDS Projects. At present, this support is being extended in 11 districts of 4 States *viz.*, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttaranchal with a budgetary support of US $ 7.20 Million for 2004—2007.

Completion of Power Projects

*422. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several Power Projects in the country have not been completed so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;